

Law Enforcement Advisory Board Meeting
Minutes of Meeting
April 4, 2013

- Rick Gauthier called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm with Board members: Keith Clark, Glen Button, James Leene, Tom Hanley, Thomas L'Esperance, Paco Aumand and non-board members Dave LeCours, Kevin McLaughlin, and Suellen Royea present. The agenda for the meeting was reviewed.
- **Minutes from last meeting:** Keith Clark noted that there was an extra "e" in his name in the second bullet topic. Keith Clark made a motion to accept the minutes from December 6, 2012 with this correction. The motion was seconded by Tom L'Esperance. Motion carried.
- **Review of 2012 Business Plan:**
 - Rick Gauthier gave an update on our report to the Legislature and questions he received from a couple of the committees. He also reported that the full-time/part-time issue and Bias Free training are moving forward.
 - A discussion was held regarding technology, which included types of technology, retention/expiration of equipment, and some confusion on how technology is used. A suggestion was made to create a privacy policy on how technology is used, what information is collected and who uses the data. (Cindy Maguire joined the meeting around 1:22 pm.)
- Paco Aumand shared the sad news regarding the passing of Marcia LaFountain, an employee of the Vermont Forensic Laboratory.
- **2013 Business Plan:**
 - A discussion was held regarding any follow up work to last year's report and upcoming topics that the Board should review. Rick Gauthier reported that the Rules Committee is being re-established. A suggestion was made to look at electronic devices. During the discussion on electronic devices, James Leene requested the minutes reflect that Canada may utilize drones, but we have been reassured that they do not have any missiles. Some situations where some technology devices would be helpful were discussed. (Around 1:33 pm Jonathan Williams joined the meeting.)
 - Another potential topic for the Board to review was discussed relating to the position of Police Chief. Some towns are establishing a Public Safety Director position to oversee the fire and police departments with each department having a deputy chief position. The statutes pertaining to the position of Police Chief were read and discussed.

- Cindy Maguire updated the Board on some work her Department is doing regarding Tasers. Some discussion was held regarding creating a model policy on tasers with key elements and training.
 - Creating an LEAB Resource library was briefly reviewed.
 - A discussion was held regarding gangs and drugs in Vermont and might be another topic for the Board to monitor.
 - Dispatch Fees were discussed as another possible topic for the Board to review.
 - In summary, the topics the Board will start to look at include: dispatching fees, gangs, model policies on LPR & Tasers, possibly police chief trend, and any legislature requests.
- **New Business:**
 - The board has to meet five (5) more times this year. Our next meeting will be to talk about tasers and gangs on May 23, 2013, at 1:00 pm.
 - Sheriff Clark reported that the Sheriffs are seeing an increase in law suits regarding sovereign citizens. A suggestion was made for some police training/education.
- **Meeting adjourned at 2:37 pm.**